

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (currently amended): A method for producing a fertile transgenic Gossypium hirsutum plant comprising the steps of: (i) establishing a regenerable callus culture from a Gossypium hirsutum plant to be transformed wherein said callus culture is selected from the group consisting of Type I, Type II, hypocotyl-derived, and cotyledon-derived callus culture; (ii) selecting a plant cell aggregate therefrom for transformation; (iii) transforming said plant cell aggregate with DNA by whisker-mediated transformation; (iv) identifying transformed cell lines therefrom; and (iv) regenerating fertile transgenic plants therefrom.

Claims 4-5 (canceled)

Claim 6. (currently amended) The method of claim 3 wherein said ~~hypocotyl-derived~~ culture is ~~established from Gossypium hirsutum~~ hypocotyl-derived.

Claim 7. (currently amended) The method of claim 3 wherein said ~~cotyledon-derived~~ culture is ~~established from Gossypium hirsutum~~ cotyledon-derived.

Claim 8. (currently amended) The method of claim 3 wherein said ~~plant cell aggregate~~ culture is initiated on solid medium.

Claims 9-11 (canceled)